

## **IGA City of West Linn & TVF&R Re:Fire Stations**

**Agenda Bill ID:** AB 2008-09-05

City Council

**PURPOSE:**

This item consist of a proposed Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) between West Linn and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District, provider of fire and emergency services to the City. The IGA would amend provisions of a 2003 agreement between the City and the District regarding transfer of City-owned fire station sites to the District. The new agreement would allow West Linn to retain ownership of the Sunset Fire Station, and would authorize a property “swap” in the vicinity of the Bolton Fire Station, whereby the City would retain ownership of the existing fire station site in return for transferring to TVF&R property that the City owns to the north of the existing fire station along Buck Street between Failing and Elliott Streets.

**DISCUSSION:**

Since the 2003 IGA, TVF&R and the City have looked in more detail at the issue of replacement of the existing Bolton Fire Station. The existing station is an older facility, with poor access to Highway 43 due to the realignment of West “A” Street and Elliott Street in 2000. The District and the City agree that a new fire station located immediately to the north of the existing station will allow construction of a modern facility and will also allow fire and emergency vehicles quick access to Highway 43 via Elliott Street and the traffic signal at the Elliott/West “A”/Highway 43 intersection.

Upon construction of a new station, the existing station property will be transferred from TVF&R to West Linn. The City will have the option of retaining and reusing the existing building or placing a new building and use on the site. If the City determines within 5 years of the effective date of this agreement that the existing building should be demolished, the District will have the responsibility for demolition and cleanup of the site.

The City property along Buck Street to be transferred to TVF&R includes an existing residence that is a City-designated historic landmark. Any demolition or relocation of this structure requires City approval through the Historic Review Board. The IGA places reasonability for obtaining approval to relocate or demolish this structure upon TVF&R. Both the District and the City are currently investigating opportunities for relocation of this structure.

The proposed IGA also confirms current plans for the replacement of the Willamette Fire Station on its existing site.

Finally, the IGA allows the City to retain ownership of the Sunset Fire Hall, which TVF&R has determined is not needed for emergency services at this time. The IGA does not change the terms of the original IGA, which allow TVF&R to locate a new fire station within two miles of the existing Sunset Fire Hall, should the District determine in the future that such a new station is necessary. TVF&R has determined that new Bolton and Willamette Stations can adequately serve West Linn’s emergency service needs for the near future.

**OPTIONS:**

The proposed IGA represents a policy direction for the City and TVF&R regarding provisions of fire services at a new Bolton Fire Station. If the City Council determines that the proposed relocation of the Fire Station to an adjacent site is not appropriate, than this IGA would need to e modified or abandoned. The existing IGA, which would keep the fire station “status quo”, would remain in effect.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Since the proposed Fire Station relocation represents a policy direction from the City Council, based upon an analysis of the Fire protection and emergency services needs of West Linn, staff recommends that the proposed

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IGA be adopted.

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